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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 4, line 25, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-3" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 5, line 30, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-3" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 2, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-6" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 8, line 8, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-7" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 9, line 14, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-6" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 10, line 20, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-6 and 9" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 11, line 26, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-10" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 12, line 1, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-10" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 13, line 10, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-12" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 14, line 17, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-13" with --according to claim 1--.

In claim 18, line 13, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-17" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 19, line 18, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-18" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 20, line 24, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-17" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 21, line 29, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-17 and 20" with --according to claim

In claim 22, line 35, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-21" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 23, line 7, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-21" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 24, line 15, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-23" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 25, line 22, please replace "according to any one of claims 15-24" with --according to claim 15--.

In claim 26, lines 31-32, please replace "according to any one of claims 1-14" with --according to claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

- 27. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the carrier sheet (1) consists of paper or a heat-resistant plastis sheet coated with a thin layer of silicone or polyolefin.
- 28 (New) A transfer according to claim 3, characterized in that the carrier sheet (1) consists of paper or a heat-resistant plastis sheet coated with a thin layer of silicone or polyolefin.
- 29, (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the carrier sheet (1) is a polyolefin sheet.
- 30, (New) A transfer according to claim 3, **characterized** in that the carrier sheet (1) is a polyolefin sheet.
- 31. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) consist of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point applied in the form of a solution in an organic solvent.
- 32. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, characterized in that the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) consist of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point applied in the form of a solution in an organic solvent.
 - 33. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the white elastomer layer (7) consists of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment, applied in the form of a solution in an organic solvent.
- 34. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, **characterized** in that the white elastomer layer (7) consists of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment, applied in the form of a solution in an organic solvent
 - 35. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) consist of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point applied in the form of an aqueous solution.
 - 36. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, **characterized** in that the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) consist of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point applied in the form of an aqueous solution.
 - 37. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the white elastomer layer (7) consists of an elastomer polyure thane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment, applied in the form of an aqueous solution.
 - 38. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, **characterized** in that the white elastomer layer (7) consists of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment, applied in the form of an aqueous solution.
 - 39. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the glue layer (8) consists of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C containing dispersed fine particles of a hot melt of copolyamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C in the ratio 1:1, applied in the form of a solution of the polyurethane in an organic solvent with dispersed hot melt powder.

- 40. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, **characterized** in that the glue layer (8) consists of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C containing dispersed fine particles of a hot melt of copolyamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C in the ratio 1:1, applied in the form of a solution of the polyurethane in an organic solvent with dispersed hot melt powder.
- 41. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the glue layer (8) consists of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C containing dispersed fine particles of a hot melt of copolyamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C in the ratio 1:1, applied in the form of an aqueous solution of the polyurethane with dispersed hot melt powder.
- 42. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, characterized in that the glue layer (8) consists of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C containing dispersed fine particles of a hot melt of copolyamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C in the ratio 1:1, applied in the form of an aqueous solution of the polyurethane with dispersed hot melt powder.
- 43. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6), the white elastomer layer (7) and the glue layer (8) are printed on the carrier sheet (1) by silk screen printing processes in the same register and configuration on top of one another.
 - 44. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, **characterized** in that the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6), the white elastomer layer (7) and the glue layer (8) are printed on the carrier sheet (1) by silk screen printing processes in the same register and configuration on top of one another.
 - 45. (New) A transfer according to claim 2, **characterized** in that the coloured pattern (5) is printed on the carrier sheet (1) or the first transparent elastomer layer (4) by means of a dry electrostatic colour toner printer, an ink jet printer with liquid dye or a thermotransfer colour printer, all of which are digitally controlled.
 - 46. (New) A transfer according to claim 3, characterized in that the coloured pattern (5) is printed on the carrier sheet (1) or the first transparent elastomer layer (4) by means of a dry electrostatic colour toner printer, an ink jet printer with liquid dye or a thermotransfer colour printer, all of which are digitally controlled.
 - 47. (New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by applying the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) in the form of an organic solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point.
 - 48. (New) A method according to claim 17, **characterized** by applying the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) in the form of an organic solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point.
 - 49. (New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by applying the white elastomer layer (7) in the form of an organic solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment.
 - 50. (New) A method according to claim 17, **characterized** by applying the white elastomer layer (7) in the form of an organic solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment.
 - 51./(New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by applying the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) in the form of an aqueous solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point.

- 52. (New) A method according to claim 17, **characterized** by applying the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6) in the form of an aqueous solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point.
- 53. (New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by applying the white elastomer layer (7) in the form of an aqueous solution of an elastomer polyure hane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment.
- 54. (New) A method according to claim 17, **characterized** by applying the white elastomer layer (7) in the form of an aqueous solution of an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment.
- 55. (New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by applying the glue layer (8) in the form of an organic solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a fine hot melt powder of copolamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.
- 56. (New) A method according to claim/17, **characterized** by applying the glue layer (8) in the form of an organic solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a fine hot melt powder of copolamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.
- 57. (New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by applying the glue layer (8) in the form of an aqueous solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a fine hot melt powder of copolyamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.
- 58. (New) A method according to claim 17 characterized by applying the glue layer (8) in the form of an aqueous solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a fine hot melt powder of copolyamide or high density polyethylene type having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.
 - 59. (New) A method according to claim 16, characterized by printing the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6), the white elastomer layer (7) and the glue layer (8) on the carrier sheet (1) by silk screen printing processes in the same register and configuration on top of one another.
 - 60. (New) A method according to claim 17, **characterized** by printing the transparent elastomer layers (4) and/or (6), the white elastomer layer (7) and the glue layer (8) on the carrier sheet (1) by silk screen printing processes in the same register and configuration on top of one another.
 - 61. (New) A method according to claim 16, **characterized** by printing the coloured pattern (5) on the carrier sheet (1) or the first transparent elastomer layer (4) by means of a dry electrostatic colour toner printer, an ink jet printer with liquid dye or a thermotransfer colour printer, all of which are digitally controlled.
 - 62. (New) A method according to claim 17, **characterized** by printing the coloured pattern (5) on the carrier sheet (1) or the first transparent elastomer layer (4) by means of a dry electrostatic colour toner printer, an ink jet printer with liquid dye or a thermotransfer colour printer, all of which are digitally controlled.